

ABSTRACT

An object is to provide a method for making it possible to exchange information between a local host and a remote host even if necessary software is not previously prepared.

5 A local host (1) requests a service administration host (4) to start a desired remote service. In response to the request to start the remote service, the service administration host (4) selects remote hosts (2) that are capable of sharing the remote service with the local host,

10 and returns information as to the remote hosts (2) to the local host. Based on the returned information as to the remote hosts (2), the local host (1) selects a remote host (2) with which it desires to share the remote service, and instructs the remote host (2) to download, from the service

15 administration host (4), software for sharing the remote service. The remote host (2) downloads, from the service administration host (4), necessary software as instructed.